

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- No new significant incidents / operations

Hazard Monitoring

- Rain / Thunderstorms – Southern Plains to Mid-Atlantic
- Fire Weather – California
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Hurricane Melissa (CAT-5)
 - Central and Eastern Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Sonia

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – AZ

Event Monitoring

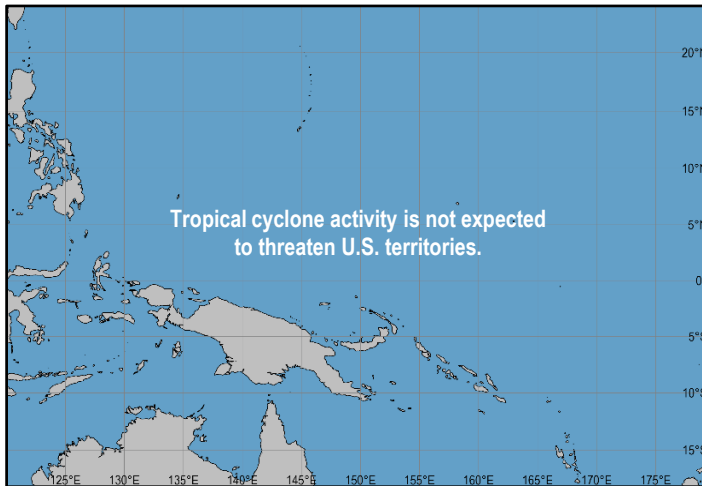
- No new significant events



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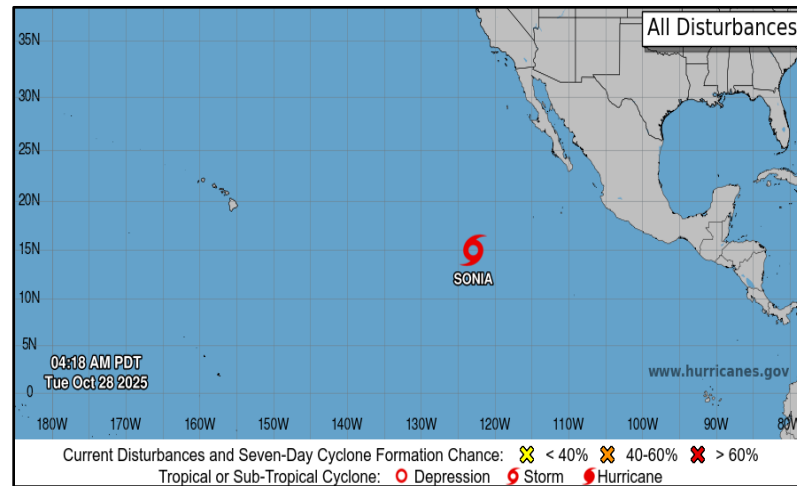
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



- No tropical cyclones threatening U.S. territories

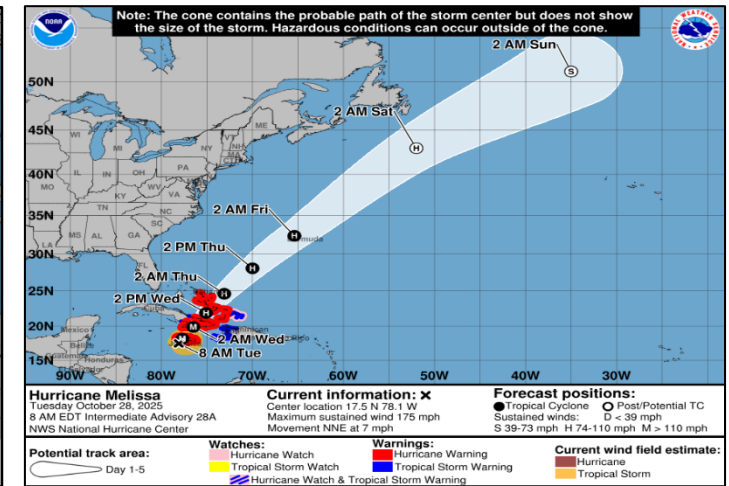
Central and Eastern Pacific



Tropical Storm Sonia: (Advisory #15, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 1010 miles WSW of the southern tip of the Baja California
- Maximum sustained winds 45 mph
- Moving WNW at 8 mph
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 60 miles from the center
- Gradual weakening is forecast during the next couple of days, and Sonia is expected to become a post-tropical remnant low tonight

Atlantic



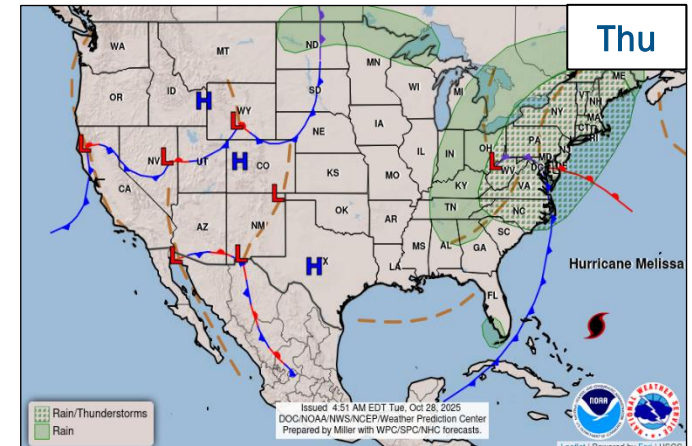
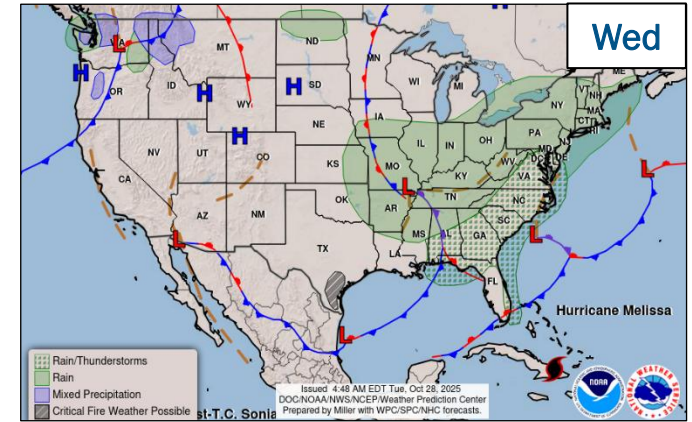
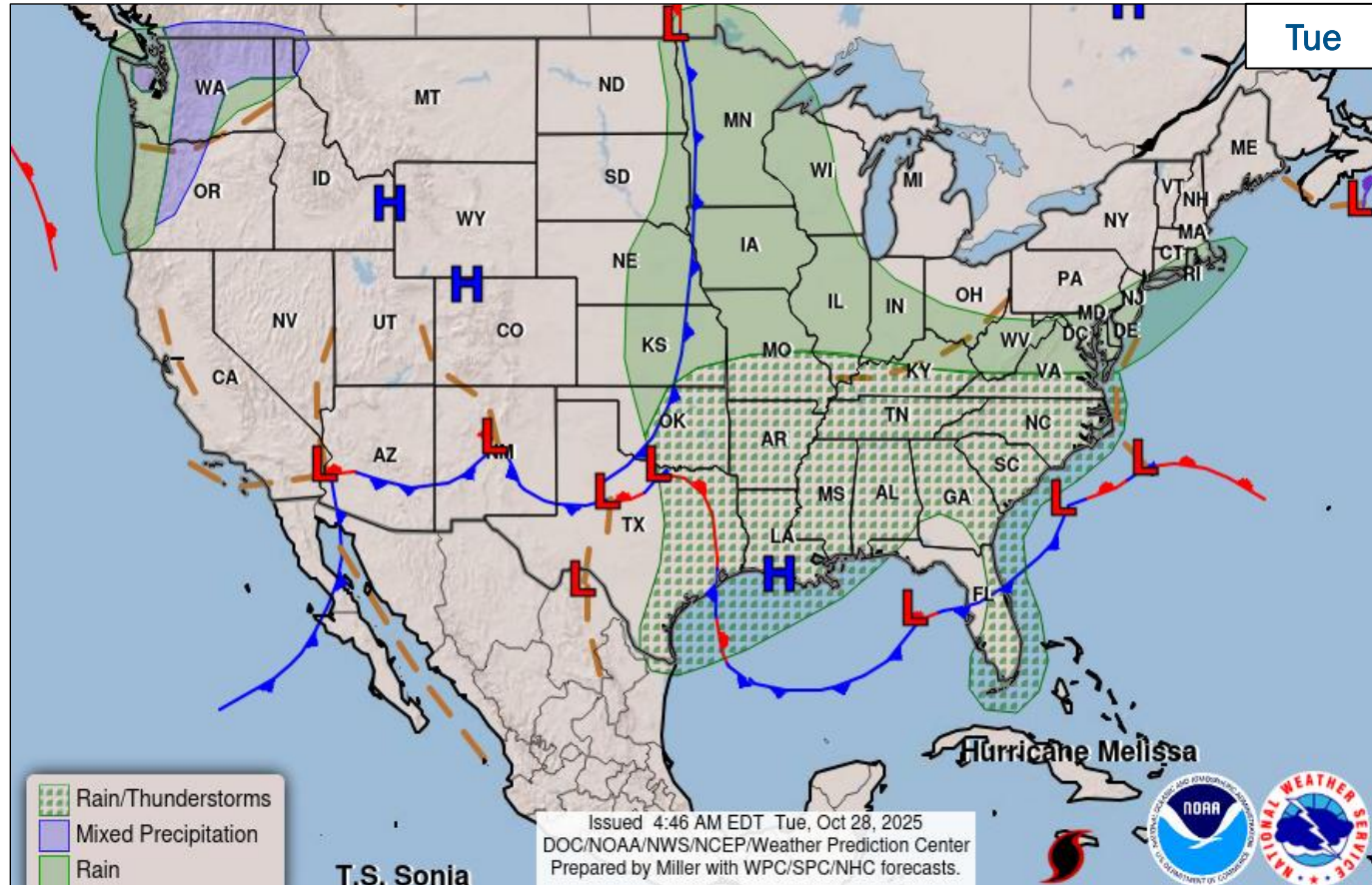
Hurricane Melissa (CAT-5): (Advisory #28A, as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 55 miles SSE of Negril, Jamaica
- Located 265 miles SW of Guantanamo, Cuba
- Maximum sustained winds 175 mph
- Moving NNE at 7 mph
- Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 30 miles; tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 195 miles from the center
- The core of Melissa is expected to make landfall on Jamaica during the next several hours
- Little change in strength is expected; will turn in a northeastern motion tomorrow and Thursday



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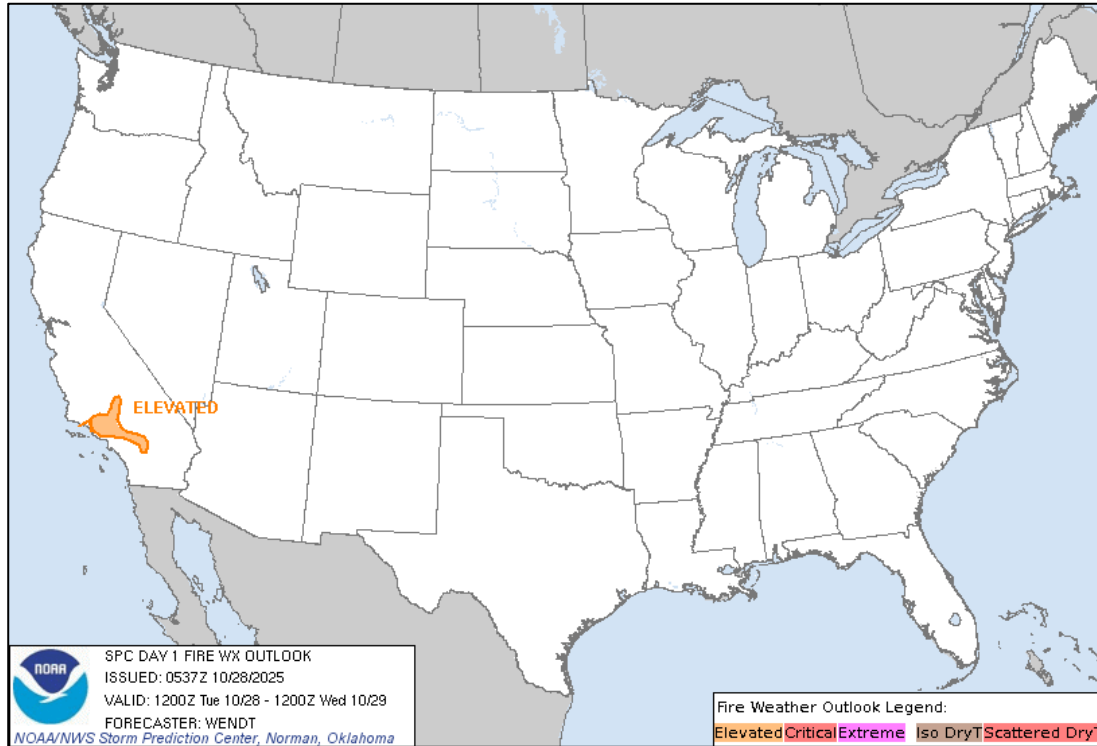
National Weather Forecast



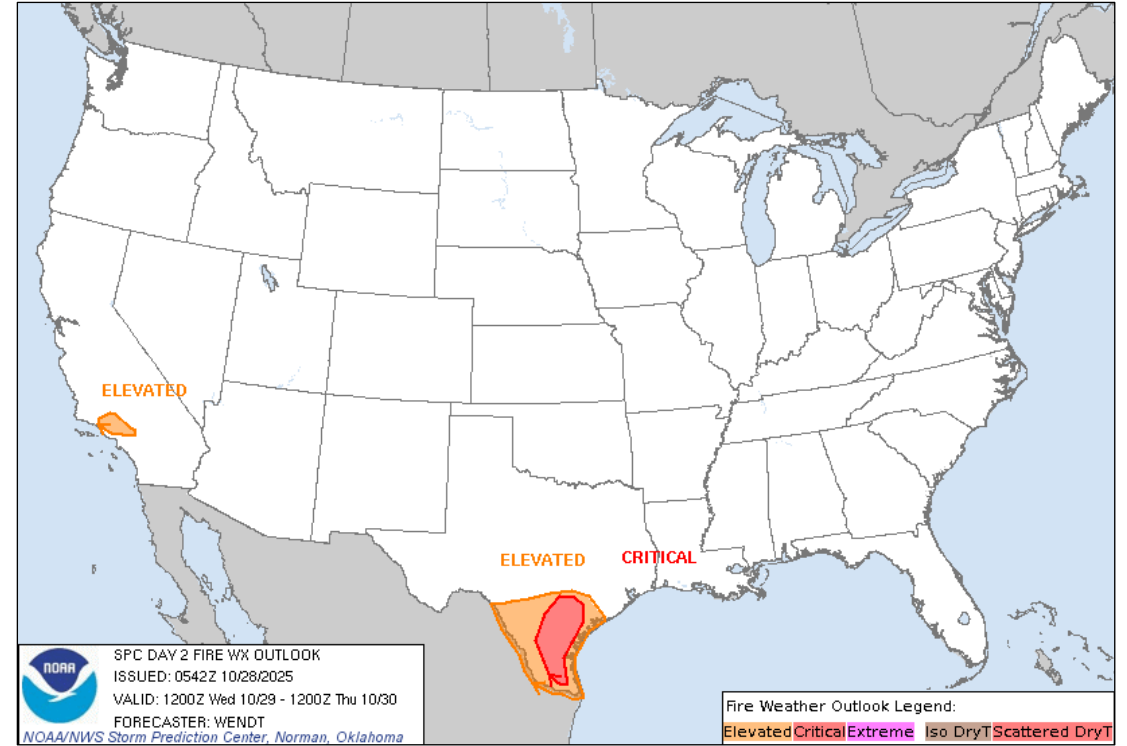
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



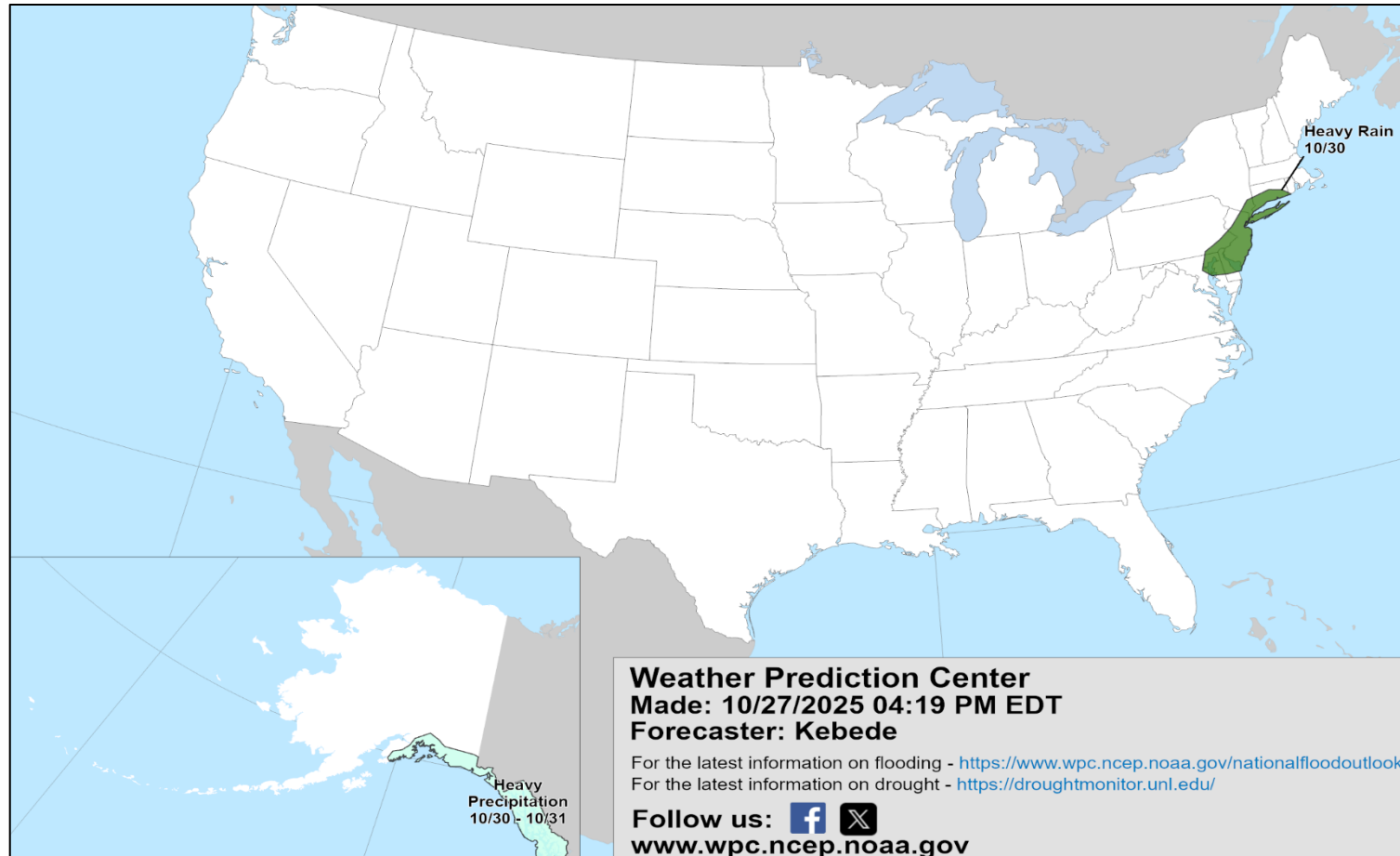
Tomorrow



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Hazards Outlook – Oct 30 - Nov 3



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

18 Joint Field Offices **59** + **7** Supporting Major Disasters **12** Direct Housing Missions **6** RSF-Supported Disasters **6** Joint Recovery Offices

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FEMA HQ		
NWC	NRCC	
Monitoring	Steady State	
FEMA REGIONS		
Watch	RRCC	
Monitoring	R1	Rostered
Monitoring	R2	Rostered
Monitoring	R3	Rostered
Monitoring	R4	Rostered
Monitoring	R5	Rostered
Monitoring	R6	Rostered
Monitoring	R7	Rostered
Monitoring	R8	Rostered
Monitoring	R9	Rostered
Monitoring	R10	Rostered

N-IMATs	
2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	
Blue	
Gold	
HS	

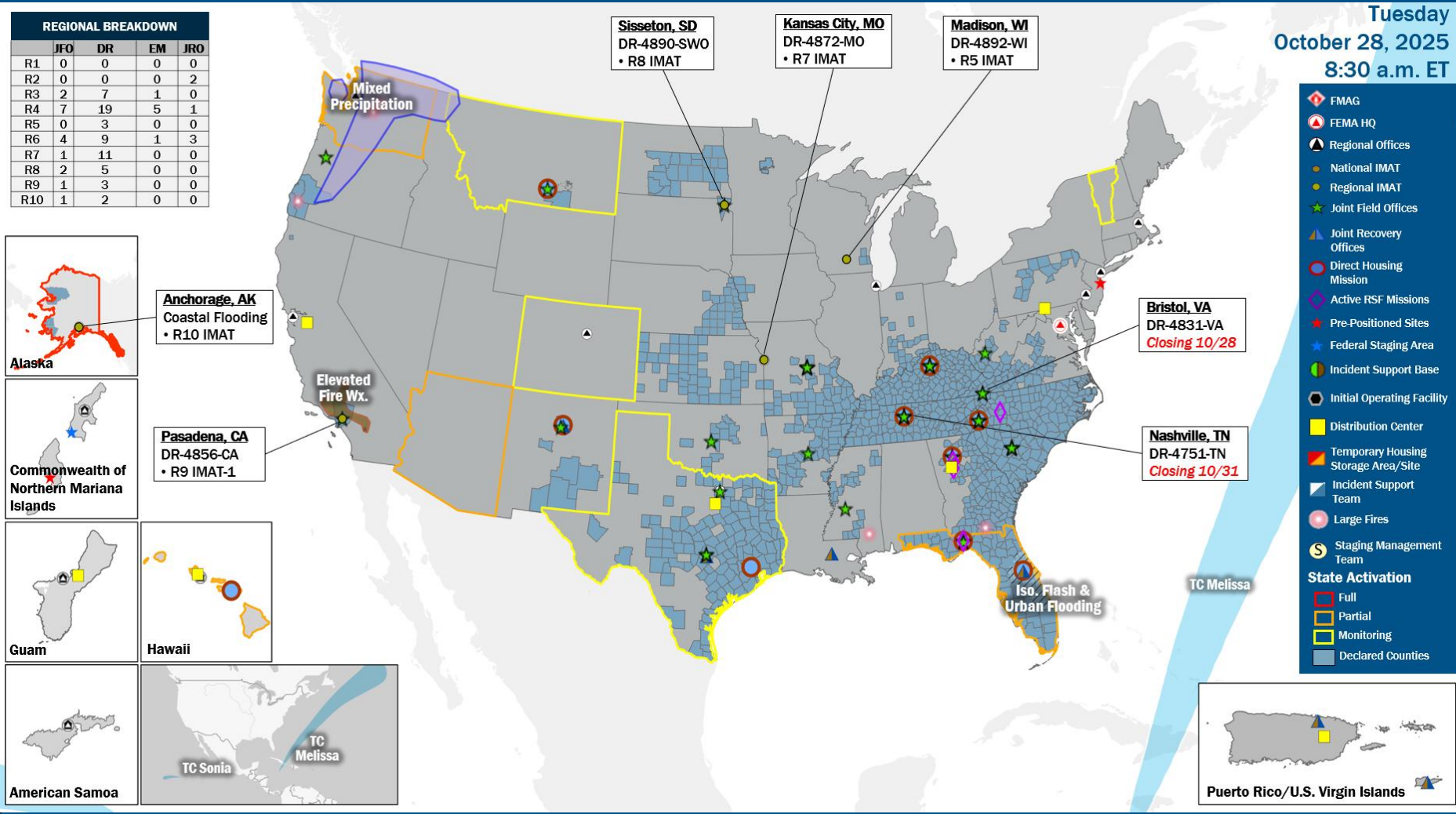
REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	0	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	2	7	1	0
R4	7	19	5	1
R5	0	3	0	0
R6	4	9	1	3
R7	1	11	0	0
R8	2	5	0	0
R9	1	3	0	0
R10	1	2	0	0

R-IMATs	
≥ 7 Teams Available	
R1	2
R2	
R3	1
R4 (1)	
R4 (2)	3
R5	WI (Sep 15)
R6 (1)	
R6 (2)	
R7	MO (Oct 27)
R8	SD (Sep 22)
R9 (1)	CA (Jan 8)
R9 (2)	
R10	AK (Oct 12)

Notes:
NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:
 • R5 Watch: Staffing (Dayshift 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. ET)
IMATs:
 • NSTR
State EOCs:
 • HI: Wildfires
 • FL: Previous Incidents
 • AZ/CO/TX: Flooding
 • VT: Drought
 • AK: Coastal Storms
 • WA: EMAC Support
 • MT: Prison Water System

Volunteer Force	
Rostered	Deployed
6,809	6
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered	Deployed
8,220 (+48)	0

Fully Mission Capable (FMC)
Partially Mission Capable (PMC)
Not Mission Capable (NMC)
Deployed



- FMAG
- FEMA HQ
- Regional Offices
- National IMAT
- Regional IMAT
- Joint Field Offices
- Joint Recovery Offices
- Direct Housing Mission
- Active RSF Missions
- Pre-Positioned Sites
- Federal Staging Area
- Incident Support Base
- Initial Operating Facility
- Distribution Center
- Temporary Housing Storage Area/Site
- Incident Support Team
- Large Fires
- Staging Management Team
- State Activation**
- Full
- Partial
- Monitoring
- Declared Counties

IM Workforce

11,745 (+2) Assigned
 4,371 (-7) Unavailable
 3,848 (+18) Deployed
 30% / 3,526 (-9) Available

IM Cadre Availability

12 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability
 Civil Rights: 13% (13/101); Disability Integration: 22% (4/18); External Affairs: 20% (64/307); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 18% (78/672); Field Leadership: 12% (15/122); Financial Management: 21% (38/184); Hazard Mitigation: 13% (103/786); Human Resources: 24% (38/159); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 22% (44/199); Public Assistance: 20% (412/2,075); Planning: 16% (58/358); Safety: 23% (21/91)

MERS

≥ 66%
 36 Assigned
 6 Unavailable
 0 Deployed
 30 Available

US&R

≥ 66%
 28 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 0 Deployed
 28 Available

FCO

≤ 1 Type I
 38 Assigned
 4 Unavailable
 32 (20 FCOR) Deployed
 2 Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Completed	
6	PATN*	Severe Storms and Flooding Sep 28-29	IA	1 (+1)	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	TBD - TBD
7	KS	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Torrential Rain, and Flooding Sep 8-10	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	5	2	10/14 - TBD
8	CO	Flooding and Severe Storms Oct 13	IA	2 (+2)	0	11/3 - TBD
			PA	2	0	10/28 - TBD

*Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Nation



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Declaration Request – Arizona

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – AZ

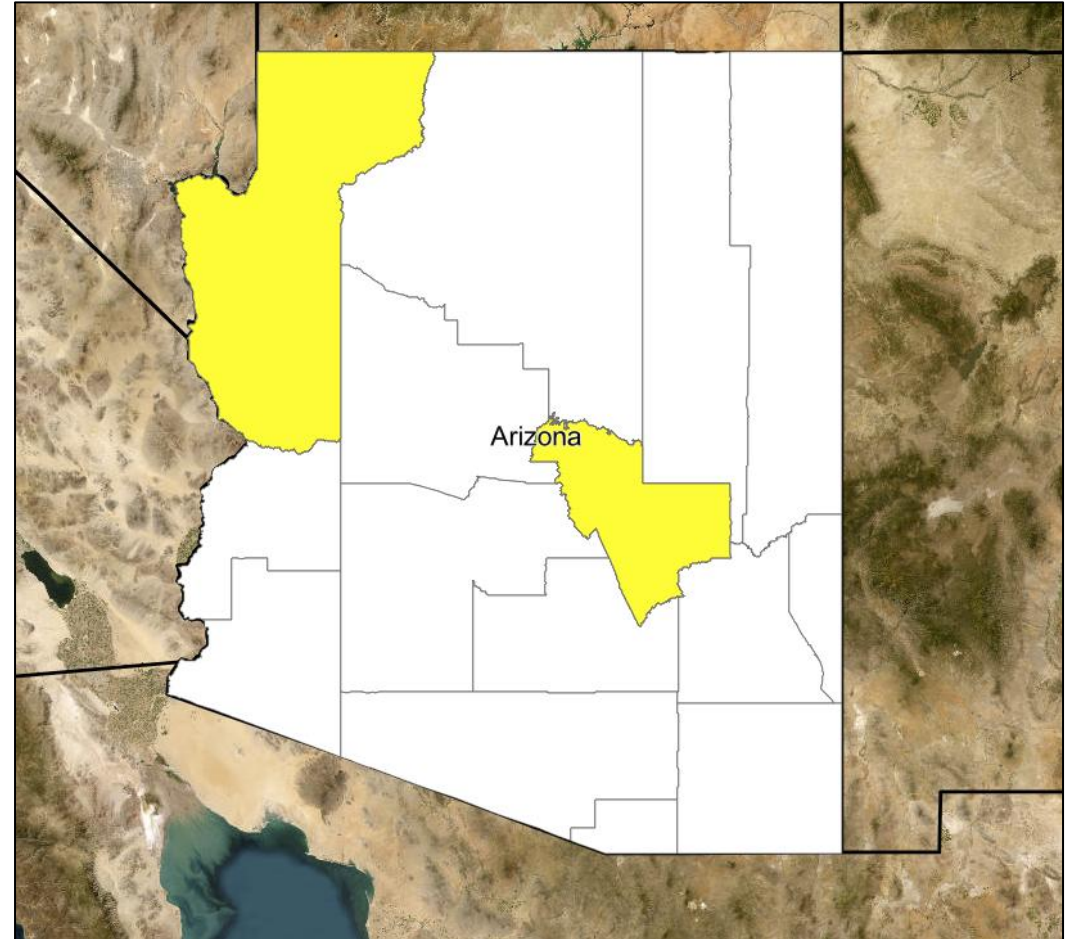
Date Requested: Oct 24

Incident: Severe Storms and Flooding

Incident Period: Sep 25-27

Requested:

- **PA:** 2 counties
- **HM:** Statewide



■ PA



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Declaration Requests in Process – 6

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
OK – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding (Appeal)	DR		X	X	Aug 19
KS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Sep 17
RST* – Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, and Tornado (Appeal)	DR	X	X	X	Sep 18
CO – Lee and Elk Fires, Flooding, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	Sep 26
MT – Water Systems Failure	EM		X		Oct 22
AZ – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Oct 24

*Rosebud Sioux Tribe



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